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I AM INFORMED BY AN UNOFFICIAL BUT RELIABLE SOURCE THAT YOU PLAN TOMORROW TO ANNOUNCE YOUR RETIREMENT. THIS IS A BLOW TO ME PERSONALLY AND TO ALL OF US WHO LABOR IN THE FIELD OF ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION FOR THE WORLD'S REFUGEES. WE WILL NOT FORGET NORRIE WILSON'S SOLID CONTRIBUTIONS, WORK AND GUIDANCE OVER MANY YEARS AT CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, AT THE U.S. COMMITTEE FOR REFUGEES AND IN THE HUMANITARIAN COMMUNITY IN GENERAL. THE DISQUIETING WORD OF YOUR DEPARTURE FROM THE NEW YORK SCENE IS TEMPERED BY MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE U.S. COMMITTEE'S WORK WILL GO FORWARD WITH IMPETUS AND THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO BENEFIT FROM YOUR COUNSEL BASED ON YOUR LIFETIME OF DEDICATION TO OUR COMMON OBJECTIVES, I JOIN MY COLLEAGUES IN GOVERNMENT IN WISHING YOU WELL FOR THE FUTURE.

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